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TRAINING TO FOREST OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware certain tribal districts in Madhya Pradesh were selected for better forestation under a World Bank Project;

(b) if so, the number of forest personnel from the State of Madhya Pradesh who were given special training by World Bank for the purpose; and

(c) the details regarding the progress and performance made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) A World Bank aided `Madhya Pradesh Forestry Project` was implemented in the entire state of Madhya Pradesh including the areas now forming part of Chattisgarh State form 1995-96 to 1999-2000. The main objectives of the project were to (a) increase forest cover and productivity through joint forest management, (b) human resource development, (c) use of improved technologies and (d) biodiversity conservation. Against estimated project cost of Rs. 245.94 crores, an expenditure of Rs. 215.512 crores was incurred on the project. About 289933 hectares area was covered under various components of the project.

(b) & (c) No forest official of Madhya Pradesh was imparted special training by the World Bank.However, one hundred and sixteen forest officials received overseas training in various fields such as management development, improved nursery practices, biodiversity conservation etc. The training programmes have helped in the satisfactory implementation of the project.